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TO: Iowa Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Suppliers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Rule Changes to add Coverage of Several Items and a New Prior Authorization (PA)

EFFECTIVE: September 1, 2013

This Informational Letter announces rule changes affecting DME beginning September 1, 2013. The following is a summary of those changes.

- The rule changes allow coverage for some items through prior authorization that were previously not covered; these items were only granted under exception to policy. This should be a more efficient way to ensure access to needed items. This includes:
 - Bath/shower chairs, non-standard patient lifters, power wheelchair attendant control, a secondary ventilator, and wheelchairs for members in an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability.
 - Reimbursement over the established Medicaid fee schedule amounts for some items.
- The rules add a prior authorization requirement for shower commode chairs. This was done because the complex coverage criteria and the cost for a shower commode chair make authorization prior to the delivery more efficient than review of a submitted claim.
- Finally, the age limit for incontinence products has been lowered from four years of age to three years of age and does not require a prior authorization.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.